

# **Report from Mayor Jennifer Gregerson**

# to the Community, City Council and City Staff

February 3, 2014

This will be a monthly report on my activities, ensuring that I remain accountable and connected to our community.

#### Aerospace and Paine Field

- Met with Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee Director Susan Garber-Yonts, talked about opportunities for connecting with aerospace businesses and providing opportunities for training. Will pursue aerospace breakfast concept with Mukilteo companies; I'll invite Council to this
- Met with Troy McClelland of Economic Alliance of Snohomish County.
  - We discussed how the EASC markets our region, including Mukilteo and its unique positioning and manufacturing sector. Also talked about legislative priorities coordinated with EASC, Snohomish County Cities and Towns, and others.
- Attended Save our Communities annual meeting with Councilmember Champion.
- Coordinated meeting of Council's Paine Field Airport Committee to talk about concepts. We are awaiting a court date for our ongoing appeal of FAA environmental analysis, could be set in the next three months.
- Had an opportunity to share our concerns regarding Paine Field during my interview with the County Council related to the appointment of Senator Marko Liias.
- Attended event at Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance conference, welcoming international visitors and touring the Historic Flight Foundation.
- Toured Electroimpact buildings and updated on current projects.

# **Community Outreach**

- Presented action agenda and vision for 2014 at the January Historical Society meeting.
- Met with Red Cross Regional Executive Director Chuck Morrison. The Red Cross responds about 130 times a year in our county, and had their highest number of responses last December, 21 times. They have 1.5 staff members and hundreds of volunteers that arrive 90 minutes after a call. Each case is different; they help with food, shelter, clothing, and medical needs. They know how to ask the right questions and help in that time of need.
- Met with Mukilteo Library director and staff from Sno-Isle to learn about their offerings and service provided to our community.
- Worked with Councilmember Brian Sullivan and Paul Tsoukalas of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish County to submit a state capital budget request for the Mukilteo Boys and Girls Club: Shin Center.

- Attended YMCA Minority Achievers Program Gala and awards presentation with Mukilteo YMCA Director, Casino Road Youth Development Center Director and youth participants in Mukilteo MAP programs.
- Visited Public Works staff and volunteers working on installation of new playground equipment at 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Park.
- Along with newly elected Lynnwood Mayor Nicola Smith and Anacortes Mayor Laurie Gere, spoke to a group of women leaders about our vision for our cities in 2014.
- Met with the Mukilteo Youth Advisory Committee to provide guidance and ideas for their coming year of activities. Coordinated with Krystn McArthur and their two Chairs to have each department director visit and discuss their role in the city.
- Welcomed Snohomish County Police Chief's and Sheriff's Association at their monthly
  meeting, held in January at Rosehill. Discussed my action agenda item of better support for
  victims of domestic violence.
- Hosted 50 Aces High School students from their government classes for two hours at City Hall, featuring presentations from each city department, a tour of City Hall and a visit with police officers and firefighters.

#### **Economic Development**

- Attended Chamber of Commerce Executive Board meeting and updated them on city news.
- Attended two ribbon cutting events at Mud Bay near QFC and Something New Something Old Gift Shop in Old Town.

## Waterfront and Japanese Gulch

- Met with planning staff and later with Mayor Ray Stephanson and Everett's Planning Director Alan Giffen regarding deannexation process for Japanese Gulch.
- Attended Japanese Gulch Auction.
- Received a tour of the Cathlamet ferry on the Mukilteo-Clinton run.
- Worked with City staff on Edgewater Beach access plans, scheduled Council briefing at February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

#### Sustainability

- Established City Green Team, collected at least one volunteer from each department. Plan to schedule first meeting in late February.
- Chaired monthly Alliance for Housing Affordability meeting.
  - $\circ$  This organization prepared and completed a housing profile for Mukilteo, which will be presented to Council on March 17th.
  - We currently fund the group with about \$1200 per year. They are pursuing an additional \$50k grant for second year of organization, which will keep our contribution at about \$1200.
- Attended Snohomish County Tomorrow monthly meeting.
  - Next comprehensive plan process will have housing unit targets in addition to population and employment targets that we have seen in the past.
  - There is an opening for a citizen representative to SCT's advisory board, contact me for more information.
- KSER radio interview with Karen Erickson about sustainability in Mukilteo for her monthly program (airing February 4<sup>th</sup>, 6pm on 90.7 and available after at <a href="http://recyclewithkbk.podbean.com/">http://recyclewithkbk.podbean.com/</a>)

# **Pavement Management**

 Attended some of Public Works Director Rob McGaughey's recap of pavement management work session with councilmembers who missed it. Throughout the month, discussed next steps and process moving forward.

#### **Fire Service**

 Met with Fire District One Commissioner David Chan, discussed ways to work together, including training support and joint training. Directed Chief Springer to continue conversations with FD1 Chief Widdis.

#### **Human Resources and City Staff**

- Met with two HR professionals to discuss options for HR staffing and an audit of our HR needs.
- Fire Department
  - Met with all three fire shifts the last week in January, talked about vision for the city, challenges facing us, new strategies and changes.
  - Met with other fire staff members to discuss questions, concerns and ideas.
- Planning: met with planning department
  - o Discussed my action agenda, and a potential future opportunity to change code enforcement policy and enact a strategy to be more efficient and effective.
- Public Works
  - Met with crews, including Streets, Stormwater, Parks and Facilities. Discussed priorities and needs.
  - Toured Public Works Building: the crews thank the Council for the new equipment funded in the 2014 budget. They now have a forklift for the first time ever, which helps make storing items more convenient and safer!
- Rosehill, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services: attended department meeting, shared action agenda priorities and heard their monthly update.
- Finance: attended department meeting, heard updates on their activities and shared action agenda priorities.
- Participated in labor negotiations meetings with all of the City's five labor groups.

Please visit me anytime at City Hall! You can find me there most days from 7:30am to 4:30pm, when I'm not out in the community or visiting our other facilities.

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